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SUBJ: IRANIAN PURCHASE OF U.S. TREASURY BILLS

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1. OUR TWO INQUIRIES REQUESTING DETAILS OF IRANIAN PURCHASES OF U.S. TREASURY BILLS (REFERENCES A AND B) HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION HERE, PARTIAL IF NOT COMPLETE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON ON PURCHASES BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OF U.S. SECURITIES. I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER HELP YOU CAN LEND IN PROVIDING US AND OTHER POSTS CONCERNED WITH THESE DATA. WE FIND IT A BIT EMBARRASSING TO INQUIRE OF CENTRAL BANK AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE OFFICIALS ABOUT THEIR MANAGEMENT OF RISING FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT BE ABLE TO QUOTE BACK TO THEM DATA WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON OUR SIDE. TO OBTAIN THE KIND OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCE D, SOME OF WHICH IS CLOSELY HELD WITHIN THE GOI AND DIFFICULT TO COME BY, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF QUID PRO QUO IS NECESSARY.

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2. WE ALSO NEED TIMELY INFORMATION ON OTHER TRANSACTIONS
SUCH AS THE IRANIAN LOAN OF \$700 MILLION (SDR 580 MILLION)
TO THE IMF IN EARLY AUGUST, THE CONSUMMATION OF WHICH WE LEARNED
ABOUT ON RECEIPT OF A ROUTINE IMF CIRCULAR IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.
THE BETTER INFORMED WE ARE, THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO
PERSUADE THE IRANIANS TO TELL US SOMETHING MORE ABOUT WHAT
THEY ARE DOING WITH THEIR PETRO DOLLARS.
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